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COUNTRY	Korea	REPORT NO.	<input type="text"/>	25X1
SUBJECT	<u>The Kaesong Press</u>	DATE DISTR.	15 December 1953	
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1. On 17 August 1953 offices of The Kaesong Press, newspaper published by the Kaesong People's Committee, were at BT-857064 in Kaesong, covering an area of approximately 30 p'yong.¹ The printing plant, covering an area of approximately 40 p'yong, was in a Korean-styled house at BT-856064. One North Korean soldier, armed with a PPSH, was posted at the main gate of the printing plant. The Kaesong Press news coverage was similar to that of The Labor Press, an organ of the Korean Labor Party (KLP) in North Korea, and The Democratic Korea, an organ of the North Korean government. The newspaper, which was published every second day, had a circulation of approximately 7,000. It sold for two North Korean won per copy, or 30 won per month. Subscriptions, which were not accepted for less than a three-month period, were handled through the Kaesong Post Office.

2. The Kaesong Press employed approximately 30 persons including printers. Members of the editorial staff, each of whom was a member of the KLP, were:

a. KIM Yong-ho, chief editor	<input type="text"/>	25X1
b. YUN, assistant chief editor	<input type="text"/>	25X1
c. CH'OE Kwang-mo, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1
d. SIN Yong-chol, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1
e. YI Sang-muk, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1
f. YU Yun-ki, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1
g. IM Pong-san, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1
h. HWANG Yong-pil, reporter	<input type="text"/>	25X1

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25X1 i. PAK Hyon-ki [REDACTED]

25X1 j. CH'OE Chong-ok, reporter [REDACTED]

3. The chief editor received a monthly salary of 5,000 North Korean won, and the reporters were paid 3,000 won. The printers, who lived on the premises, received 900 grams of rice each day. Other employees received 300 grams. Employees also received 300 grams a day for each dependent. The equipment in the plant consisted of one rotary and two other presses. The latter two only printed one page at a time. Printing was in Hangul, and was of poor quality. Necessary supplies were transported from P'yongyang by trucks belonging to the Kaesong People's Committee.

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. One p'yŏng is approximately 3.95 square yards.

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